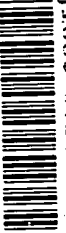


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Box: Patent Application

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. To be assigned; Filed: Herewith
(Divisional of Appl. No. 09/188,166; Filed: November 9, 1998)
For: **Method of Producing Vitamin Powders**
Inventors: Morris *et al.*
Our Ref: 1533.0520001/SRL/CMB

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S.
Patent and Trademark Office:

1. PTO Fee Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/17) (in duplicate);
2. PTO Utility Patent Application Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/05) (in duplicate);
3. Application Data Sheet;
4. U.S. Utility Patent Application entitled:

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and naming as inventors:

Charles A. Morris,
Francis W. Calhoun, Jr., and
Huey L. Willis

the application consisting of:

- a. A specification containing:
 - i. 7 pages of description prior to the claims;
 - ii. 3 pages of claims (Claims 1-30);
 - iii. a one (1) page abstract;
 - b. A copy of the executed Declaration, as originally filed in U.S. Appl. No. 09/188,166;
5. Authorization to Treat a Reply As Incorporating An Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) (in duplicate);
 6. Preliminary Amendment;
 7. Our Check No. 32308 for \$ 1,060.00 to cover filing:
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\$ 80.00 fee for excess claims; and
\$270.00 multiple dependent claim fee; and
 8. Two (2) return postcards.

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Respectfully submitted,

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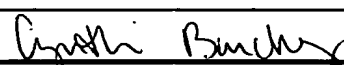
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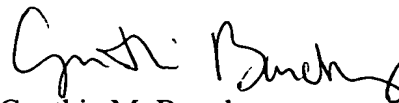
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